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Ms. Jane Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Docket # OOP-1211/CP1
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061 (HFA-305)
Rockville, MD 20852

I am very concerned about the development, use and spread of genetically engineered crops in the U.S. food supply. I urge you strongly to support the legal petition brought by the Center for Food Safety. The petition urges that:

No new-genetically engineered foods or products with GE ingredients be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all GE foods before they-go on the market.

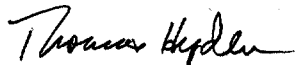
Also, all GE foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what's in the food they are eating.

I feel that our government and especially the Food and Drug Administration have failed to adequately protect the American people from the potential risks of genetically engineered crops. We have been eating GE food for four years after the industry and government claimed that GE crops would be for livestock only. Taco shells are only the tip of the iceberg. How pervasive is the spread of GE food in the American food supply?

Other risks include a dramatic loss of bio-diversity. Monocultures and the widespread use of only a few varieties create unstable populations prone to crop failure. Genetic drift will inevitably contaminate unaltered varieties through the spread of GE pollen. There is likely to be an increase in allergies and other related health problems. GE crops will mean that farmers will become even more dependent on chemical rescue farming, especially the use of herbicides and pesticides. Lastly and perhaps most ominous of all is the move by certain seed, feed and chemical companies to patent crop varieties and ultimately own and control the U.S. and world food supply.

I would like to believe that you care more about the health and welfare of the American people than the share price of Monsanto, Cargill, Aventis and Archer Daniels Midland. Do you?

Sincerely,



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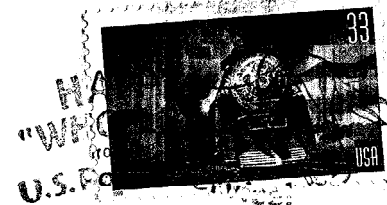
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